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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In its resolution 2003/31, entitled "Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice", the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage the Bureau to play an active role in the preparation of the regular session as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. It also decided that the Chair of the Commission should, whenever appropriate, invite the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union to participate in the meetings of the Bureau.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-sixth session, on 8 December 2017, opened its twenty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The nomination for First Vice-Chair remained pending until 15 December 2017, when the Group of Eastern European States nominated Alena Kupchyna of Belarus for that office. The nomination of Second Vice-Chair remained pending until 18 January 2018, when the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Armin Andereya Latorre of Chile for that office. The Commission is expected to elect the First and Second Vice-Chairs during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

Office	*Regional group*	*Officer*
Chair	African States	Lotfi Bouchaara (Morocco)
First Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Alena Kupchyna (Belarus) *(designate)*
Second Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Armin Andereya Latorre (Chile) *(designate)*
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Helen Eduards (Sweden)
Rapporteur	Asia-Pacific States	Jawad Ali (Pakistan)

A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union has been established to assist the Chair of the Commission and to participate in the meetings of the Bureau, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2017/237, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session and approved the provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the twenty-seventh session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-sixth session, in December 2017, the twenty-seventh session of the Commission will be held from 14 to 18 May 2018, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 11 May 2018, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission decisions 21/1 and 22/2, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would, in principle, be one month prior to the commencement of the session. As agreed at its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session is Monday, 16 April 2018, at noon.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-sixth session, a workshop will be organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network. The workshop will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-seventh session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals. It will be chaired by a member of the Bureau. The theme of the workshop will be related to the prominent theme of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-seventh session concurrently with the reconvened sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 6 and 7 December 2018.

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3. General debate

At its twenty-sixth session, the Commission decided to include a general debate in its agenda. During the reconvened twenty-sixth session, it was noted that the Commission could approve two procedural points through its extended Bureau, namely to establish a date for opening the list of speakers and to differentiate only between speakers at the ministerial level and other speakers. Upon the recommendation of the extended Bureau, the list of speakers for the general debate would be opened on 16 April 2018 and closed on 10 May 2018.

Regarding the duration of statements, the practice followed at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission shall apply, i.e., a maximum of 5 minutes of speaking time (which is equivalent to statements of approximately 500 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity and 10 minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

(a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

(c) Working methods of the Commission

(d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters

For its consideration of item 4, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2), which contains an overview of the activities conducted by UNODC during 2017 in the areas of, inter alia, effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem, countering transnational organized crime and corruption, preventing terrorism, crime prevention and criminal justice and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2017/236, entitled "Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime", the Council decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2021. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3.

At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the Commission elected Ignacio Baylina Ruiz (Spain) and Moataz Khaled Aly Abdelhady (Egypt) as Co-Chairs of the working group.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2018/3-E/CN.15/2018/3).

At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted resolution 26/5, entitled "Budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund". At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2017/12-E/CN.15/2017/14) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2017/13-E/CN.15/2017/15). As requested in its resolution 26/5, the

Commission will have before it for approval a note by the Executive Director on the adjustments to the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2018/12-E/CN.15/2018/14).

As regards the Secretary General's management reform proposals, the General Assembly approved, in its resolution 72/266, the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020, pending a final decision at its seventy-seventh session on whether to continue that practice. In this regard, UNODC will present a draft strategic framework for 2020 to the Commission for its consideration at a point in time to be decided. UNODC will keep the Commission informed about the outcome of further consideration by Member States of the Secretary-General's management reform proposals.

At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC (E/CN.7/2017/14-E/CN.15/2017/16). At its twenty-seventh session, the Commission may wish to continue discussing the efforts undertaken by UNODC to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, and to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance, in accordance with Commission resolutions 24/3, 25/4 and 26/5.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/3-E/CN.15/2018/3)

Note by the Executive Director on the adjustments to the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/12-E/CN.15/2018/14)

5. Thematic discussion on criminal justice responses to prevent and counter cybercrime in all its forms, including through the strengthening of cooperation at the national and international levels

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission is "Criminal justice responses to prevent and counter cybercrime in all its forms, including through the strengthening of cooperation at the national and international levels".

At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the Commission endorsed the Chair's proposal to devote the morning session to the sub-theme "Current challenges" and the afternoon session to the sub-theme "Possible responses to them".

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion (E/CN.15/2018/6).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion (E/CN.15/2018/6)

6. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution 72/196, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", the General Assembly reaffirmed that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime, and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties to the Convention had reached 189, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating transnational organized crime. In the same resolution, the Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

In the same resolution, the Assembly recalled article 32 of the Organized Crime Convention and its resolution 69/197, in which, inter alia, the need for the establishment of a mechanism to review the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto by States parties had been reiterated, and underlined that the review of the implementation of the Convention was an ongoing and gradual process and that it was necessary to explore all options regarding the establishment of a mechanism to assist the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed with appreciation the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighth session to continue the process of establishing a mechanism for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to elaborate specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the mechanism, which would include the elements specified by the Conference, for consideration by it at its ninth session, and its decision that the mechanism would progressively address all the articles of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, in accordance with the agreed clusters of articles and the multi-year workplan.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/196 is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2018/4).

(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In its resolution 72/196, the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, urged States parties to that Convention to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties had reached 183, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating corruption and related crimes.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged Member States and relevant international organizations, in cooperation with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, to develop national, subregional, regional and international strategies, as appropriate, and other necessary measures, including the establishment, in accordance with domestic legislation, of designated central authorities and effective points of contact dedicated to facilitating the procedures related to international cooperation, including for extradition and mutual legal assistance requests, in order to effectively address transnational organized crime, and

to strengthen all forms of cooperation to enable the return of illicitly acquired assets in accordance with the provisions of the Convention against Corruption for asset recovery, in particular chapter V, with the cooperation of UNODC, within its existing mandate.

Furthermore, in its resolution 71/208, the General Assembly, encouraged all States parties to the Convention to strengthen their commitment to effective national action and international cooperation to give full effect to chapter V of the Convention and to contribute effectively to the recovery of the proceeds of corruption. It also encouraged States parties to give full effect to the resolutions, including those on asset recovery, of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 71/208 and 72/196 is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2018/4).

(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism

In its resolution 72/194, entitled "Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism", the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the existing international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism and requested UNODC, within its mandate, in close coordination with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States for the ratification and legislative incorporation of those international legal instruments.

In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon UNODC to further enhance technical assistance, upon request, for building the capacity of Member States to become party to and implement the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism, including through targeted programmes and the training of relevant criminal justice and law enforcement officials, upon request, to develop their capacity to effectively respond to, prevent, investigate and prosecute terrorist acts, the development of and participation in relevant initiatives and the development of technical tools and publications, within its mandate and in close consultation with Member States.

Furthermore, in its resolution 72/196, the Assembly reiterated its request to UNODC to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism, including the phenomenon of travelling, returning and relocating foreign terrorist fighters, especially with regard to extradition and mutual legal assistance, and its financial sources, through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and invited Member States to provide UNODC with appropriate resources for its mandate.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 72/194 and 72/196 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2018/5).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution 72/195, the General Assembly urged Member States and other stakeholders mentioned in the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, and invited the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, within their respective mandates, to continue to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly recalled its decision to appraise, on a four-year basis starting at its seventy-second session, the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments. On 27 and 28 September 2017, the General Assembly held a high-level meeting to appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. At that meeting, inter alia, strong political will to step up efforts against trafficking in persons was reiterated.

In its resolution 2017/18, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons", the Economic and Social Council requested UNODC, in its capacity as fund manager of the United Nations voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, to continue to encourage contributions by States and all other relevant stakeholders to the trust fund.

Information on the implementation of those mandates will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2018/4).

Since the extrabudgetary resources required for the implementation of Commission resolution 25/1, entitled "Preventing and combating trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal", were not provided, no report will be made available to the Commission.

Furthermore, as the extrabudgetary resources required for the implementation of Commission resolution 25/3, entitled "Strengthening crime prevention in support of sustainable development, including sustainable tourism", were not provided, no report will be made available to the Commission.

(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2018/8).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2018/7).

Furthermore, pursuant to article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, annex), the Commission will also be expected to consider a candidate proposed for selection to the Board of Trustees of the Institute. The background information on the proposed candidate is contained in document E/CN.15/2017/17.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2018/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2018/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2018/7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/CN.15/2018/8)

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/CN.15/2017/17)

7. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 72/196, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to take relevant measures, as appropriate to their national contexts, to ensure the diffusion, use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, including the consideration and, where they deemed it necessary, dissemination of existing manuals and handbooks developed and published by UNODC. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2018/9).

In its resolution 2016/17, entitled "Restorative justice in criminal matters", the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its session following the meeting of restorative justice experts in collaboration with Member States, relevant United Nations entities, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network and other relevant stakeholders with experience in restorative justice processes, on the outcome of that meeting and on other efforts made in implementation of that resolution. The report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the expert group meeting on restorative justice in criminal matters will be made available for the consideration of the Commission (E/CN.15/2018/13).

In its resolution 72/193, the General Assembly requested UNODC to continue ensuring broad dissemination of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), to design guidance material and to provide technical assistance and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the field of penal reform, in order to develop or strengthen penitentiary legislation, procedures, policies and practices consistent with the Rules. It also requested the Office to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences in relation to the practical implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules among Member States.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2018/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the expert group meeting on restorative justice in criminal matters (E/CN.15/2018/13)

8. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular, international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis were mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/152 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution 72/196, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested UNODC to continue to develop, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge of crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources. In the same resolution, the Assembly invited Member States to develop national plans for the gradual adoption of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to strengthen national statistical systems of criminal justice. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue to strengthen the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with the Office.

In its resolution 26/4, the Commission requested the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime to hold periodic meetings and function as the platform for further discussion on substantive issues concerning cybercrime and to report to the Commission at its next session on progress in its work. A report will be made available for the consideration of the Commission (E/CN.15/2018/12).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2)

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2018/10)

Report by the Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime on progress in its work (E/CN.15/2018/12)

9. Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In its resolution 72/192, the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to Governments to take into consideration the Doha Declaration adopted by the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice when formulating legislation and policy directives and to make every effort, where appropriate, to implement the principles contained therein in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the work undertaken by UNODC in ensuring appropriate follow-up to the implementation of the Doha Declaration.

In the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the main theme of the Fourteenth Congress would be "Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda". Also in the same resolution, the Assembly approved the provisional agenda and decided upon the issues to be considered in the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress. Also in its resolution 72/192, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to encourage the participation of representatives from relevant entities of the United Nations system in the

Fourteenth Congress and, in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to prepare a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Fourteenth Congress and for the Congress itself in a timely manner in order to enable those meetings to be held as early as possible in 2019. The Assembly invited Member States to be actively involved in that process. Furthermore, the Assembly requested the Commission to accord sufficient time at its twenty-seventh session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Fourteenth Congress, to finalize in a timely manner all outstanding organizational and substantive arrangements and to make its recommendations to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up to resolution 72/192 and to report thereon to the Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Commission will have before it a report by the Secretary-General for its consideration (E/CN.15/2018/11).

The Commission will also have before it a conference room paper containing the discussion guide for the Fourteenth Congress (E/CN.15/2018/CRP.1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2018/11)

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Economic and Social Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the Council's work relating to its annual framework common themes. The theme for the 2018 session of the Council is "From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities".

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. In that outcome document, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives envisaged that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, would take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and that those reviews would be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.

In its resolution 70/299, on follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, the General Assembly decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2018 would be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" and that, in 2018, the set of Goals to be reviewed in depth would be Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15, in addition to Goal 17, which is to be reviewed annually.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged coherence of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In that regard, it took note of the ongoing work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they addressed the implementation of the 2030 Agenda within their respective areas of expertise and mandates, while avoiding duplication.

On the margins of the 2017 session of the high-level political forum, the Commission held a joint event with other functional commissions of the Council on the topic of gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Commission may wish to use its twenty-seventh session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up to and support the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Council.

11. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-eighth session.

12. Other business

No issues to be raised under item 12 have come to the attention of the Secretariat.

13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-seventh session on 18 May 2018, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

2. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 14 May, to the morning of Friday, 18 May 2018. A workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion ("Criminal justice responses to prevent and counter cybercrime in all its forms, including through the strengthening of cooperation at the national and international levels"), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, will be held, and chaired by a member of the Bureau, in the afternoon of Monday, 14 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.

3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-sixth session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 11 May 2018. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of the draft resolutions to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, and other matters.

4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after Monday, 16 April 2018. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.

5. Allotted speaking times must be strictly adhered to during the twenty-seventh session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 11 May 2018

Date and time	
Friday, 11 May	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations

Twenty-seventh session, 14–18 May 2018

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
Monday, 14 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session *Item 1.* Election of officers *Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters *Item 3.* General debate	

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
3–6 p.m.	*Item 3.* General debate (*continued*)	Workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network on the topic of the thematic discussion
Tuesday, 15 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	*Item 5.* Thematic discussion on criminal justice responses to prevent and counter cybercrime in all its forms, including through the strengthening of cooperation at the national and international levels: current challenges and possible responses to them	Consideration of draft resolutions
3–6 p.m.	*Item 5.* Thematic discussion (*continued*)	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Wednesday, 16 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	*Item 4.* Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions: (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission (d) Staff composition of UNODC and other related matters	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3–6 p.m.	*Item 6.* Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)

Date and time	*Plenary*	*Committee of the Whole*
	(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism (d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters (e) Other activities in support of the work of UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	
Thursday, 17 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	*Item 7.* Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice *Item 8.* World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3–6 p.m.	*Item 9.* Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
Friday, 18 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	*Item 10.* Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development *Item 11.* Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission	Consideration of draft resolutions (*continued*)
3–6 p.m.	*Item 12.* Other business *Item 13.* Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session	